THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.24963 of 2006

Dated: 01-12-2006

Between:

Therapalli Simhachalam and others.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District, and others.
TRANSCO, Eluru, and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

Inaction on the part of respondent No.3 in not issuing pattas in respect of agricultural lands comprised in survey Nos.231/2, 232/1B, 253/3, 269/3, 269/6B, 269/10, 269/11A and 270/7 situated at Erravaram Village, Elamanchili Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, is assailed in this writ petition. It is the case of the petitioners that the subject land was taken over by the Government as surplus land under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Land Reforms (Ceiling on Agricultural Holdings) Act, 1973 (the Act, for brevity). The same was allegedly handed over possession to the petitioners in October, 1993, but regular pattas were not granted as the related cases arising under the Act were pending at various stages in the Courts. Though the matter was finally disposed by the Supreme Court in January, 2004, respondent No.3 did not take any action giving pattas. The petitioners approached respondent No.3 in March, 2006, in vain.

As the petitioners are complaining inaction on the part of respondent No.3, nothing prevents them to approach the District Collector (Grievance Cell) bringing to his notice about the inaction. As the allegation made by the petitioners require verification, this would be best course. Therefore, the petitioners may make a representation to respondent No.1 immediately, which shall be considered by him before issuing appropriate orders in the matter.

The writ petition, with the above observations, is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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(**V.V.S.RAO, J**)

01st December, 2006
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